

Privacy Introduction

The privacy of USASpending.gov customers is of utmost importance. Per our own policy for personal privacy, we will collect no personal information about you during your visit to our site unless you choose to provide that information via web-based form to provide site feedback.

Although the following discussion may seem exhaustive, the USASpending.gov team wants to ensure that you, our customer, fully understand our policy with respect to your privacy. Our goal is to answer all questions concerning your privacy below.

Information Automatically Collected

During your visit to USASpending.gov, certain information is automatically collected that never identifies the individual but does provide system information, so that we can best manage the performance of our web environment.

The only information that is automatically collected during your visit is as follows:

- The name of the domain from which you access the Internet (i.e., erols.com, if you are connecting from an Erols account, or harvard.edu if you are connecting from Harvard University's domain)
- The date and time you access our site
- The Internet address of the web site from which you linked directly to our site
- The type of browser you are using to visit the site

This information enables the web environment to present its data using the best possible method. For example, a web site may look different when viewed by Microsoft's Internet Explorer versus Netscape's browser. Thus, our site determines which type of browser you have and presents the web page according to the best practice for that specific browser.

Date and Time information and the domain you visited us from provide performance statistics so that our engineers can better tailor the system based on geographical location and time of day visits.

Tracking links let us know how the customer found our site and the information provided by our site. This gives our web engineers insight on how they can better manage navigation and ensure that our customers find the information they are looking for.

Privacy and Correspondence Via E-mail

When you send us personally identifying information (i.e., by sending an electronic mail message containing a question or comment, or by filling out a site-form that e-mails us this information), we use this information to respond to your requests. We may forward your e-mail to other Government employees who are better able to answer your questions.

We want to make it clear that we will not obtain personally identifying information about you when you visit our site, unless you choose to provide such information to us.

Wiki Features (Provide Feedback Community)

The USASpending.gov application provides a Wiki that allows the public to Provide Feedback to the technical team and program sponsors. Comments provided in the Wiki site are collected voluntarily and are public disclosed and archived. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Wiki users who wish to

post comments will be asked to setup a username and password. No personal information will be collected through the registration process.

WARNING

USASpending.gov is designed to provide transparency in federal spending. The site is not designed to support FTP or other methods of bulk access to its data repositories. Use of automated data gathering tools or other programs that attempt to gather information from USASpending.gov data sources is prohibited; when detected, the user will be blocked from access to the site.

Unauthorized attempts to upload or change information on this service other than the Wiki site, are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and the National Information Infrastructure Protection Act. General The USASpending.gov team will enforce the law to the greatest extent against any individual who tampers with the information available on this site.